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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 12, 2001

APPLICATION OF

THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY
d/b/a ALLEGHENY POWER

CASE NO. PUE000280

For approval of functional
separation plan

and

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE000736

Ex Parte: The Potomac Edison
Company d/b/a Allegheny Power --
Regional Transmission Entities

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION

On May 21, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") entered an Order that, among other things, granted The Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power ("AP" or "the Company") a waiver of 20 VAC 5-320-90 of the Commission's Regulations Governing Transfer of Transmission Assets to Regional Transmission Entities ("Rules"). That Order

directed the Company to file the information required by this Rule on or before July 15, 2001.¹

On July 6, 2001, the Company, by counsel, filed a Motion to extend the filing deadline for AP's application and the supporting information required by 20 VAC 5-320-90 to join or establish an RTE. In support of its Motion, AP represented that it, together with PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM"), have jointly filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") to establish PJM as the RTE for AP pursuant to a PJM West arrangement. The Company stated that it has been recently notified that its application is to be considered by FERC at FERC's administrative meeting scheduled for July 11, 2001. AP anticipates that this meeting could have a significant and, as yet, unknown effect on AP's plans to join PJM West. AP requests that in order to accommodate the FERC action on July 11, 2001, and assure that complete and accurate information is presented to the Commission concerning AP's plans to join PJM pursuant to the PJM West arrangement, it requires an extension until July 25, 2001, in which to file its application to join or form an RTE.

¹ Rule 20 VAC 5-320-90 addresses the general filing requirements for an incumbent electric utility proposing to transfer all or part of its control, ownership, or responsibility for transmission capacity to a regional transmission entity. In this instance, AP had proposed to establish, along with at least one other utility based in Pennsylvania, an RTE to be known as "PJM West".

NOW, UPON CONSIDERATION of the Company's July 6, 2001 Motion, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that AP has demonstrated good cause for extending its filing deadline for its application and the supporting information required by 20 VAC 5-320-90; that AP's July 6 Motion should be granted; that on or before July 25, 2001, AP should file with the Clerk of the Commission all the information required by Rule 20 VAC 5-320-90; and that all other provisions of the May 21, 2001 Order should remain in effect.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) AP's July 6, 2001, Motion is hereby granted.
- (2) On or before July 25, 2001, AP shall file all of the information required by Rule 20 VAC 5-320-90.
- (3) In all other respects, the findings and directives of the Commission's May 21, 2001 Order shall remain in effect.
- (4) This matter shall be continued, pending further order of the Commission.